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## A NEW ERA BEGINS

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Takes the Helm as the 16th  
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# Excellence Equals (MS)<sup>2</sup>

**Howard University Middle School of  
Mathematics and Science Graduates First Class**



Left: (L-R) Graduates Trevor McCaully, David Atkinson and Antonio Hughes-Graves march proudly in their graduation procession.

Right: (L-R) Ashley Freeman, Valedictorian Rian Matthews and Elizabeth Pope lead the procession of graduates.



In fall 2005, more than 100 sixth graders began their academic journey at Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS)<sup>2</sup>. As the first charter school established by a university in Washington, D.C., (MS)<sup>2</sup> opened its doors to the young students who had traveled from all quadrants of the city to attend. On June 6, 103 aspiring engineers, doctors and scientists completed their (MS)<sup>2</sup> journey, becoming the first graduating class in the school's history. The ceremony took place in the Blackburn Center and Rian Matthews was the class valedictorian.

"This is a proud and defining moment in the history of the middle school and Howard University," said Marie C. Johns, (MS)<sup>2</sup> board chair, University chair of the Academic Excellence committee and University trustee, who congratulated the historic class and expressed gratitude to the architects who developed the school's mission.

Sue White, (MS)<sup>2</sup>'s head of school, reflected on the student's time at the school. "The results of that confidence that you placed in us is visible today as we witness this graduating class — heads held high, donning a wide range of